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ANNUAL REPORT

of the

Medical Officer of Health for the Rural District of Thingoe in the County of West Suffolk for the year ending 31st December, 1953.

Public Health Offices,
8, Whiting Street,
Bury St. Edmunds.

May 1954.

To:-

The Chairman and Members of the
Rural District Council of Thingoe.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies & Gentlemen,

Herewith I beg to submit for your favourable consideration my eighteenth Annual Report as Medical Officer of Health, being that for the year ended 31st December, 1953. To Mr. A. P. Hazelton, Clerk to the Council, and to Mr. S. M. Casson I acknowledge, with thanks, my indebtedness to them in the preparation of this report.

I am, Mr. Chairman, Ladies & Gentlemen,
Your obedient servant,

ROBERT H. CLAYTON.

M.B., B.S., B.Hy., D.P.H.
Medical Officer of Health.

Public Health Officers of the Authority.

(a) Medical. One part-time Medical Officer of Health,
Robert H. Clayton, M.B., B.S., B.Hy.,
D.P.H. (Durham). Cert. Mental Deficiency
and Allied Subjects (London), appointed in 1936.

This Officer does not engage in private practice but holds in addition the following appointments:-

Medical Officer of Health,	Newmarket U.D.C.	Appointed 1st July, 1936.
	Mildenhall R.D.C.	
	Cosford R.D.C.	Appointed 1st Feby. 1937.
	Thedwastre R.D.C.	" 1st July, 1938.

(b) Others. One Sanitary Inspector,

S. M. CASSON, M.I.MUN.E., A.M.I.S.E., M.S.I.A.,
Meat and Other Foods Diploma R.S.I.
Appointed February 1946.

Mr. Casson is also Surveyor to the Council.

Additional Sanitary Inspectors,
R. L. Barker, M.I.MUN.E., M.S.I.A.,
Meat and Other Foods Diploma R.S.I.
Appointed 1st March, 1946.
Left 3rd August, 1953.

I. Armstrong, M.S.I.A.,
Meat & Other Foods Diploma R.S.I.
Diploma in Sanitary Science R.S.I.
Appointed December 1951.

G. Woods, M.S.I.A.,
Meat & Other Foods Diploma R.S.I.
Diploma in Sanitary Science R.S.I.
Appointed November 1953.

Public Health & Housing Committee.

Mrs. M. A. Gooding - Chairman.
Mr. W. R. Rayner - Vice-Chairman.

Lt.Col. S. E. Baker.
Major F. S. Beauford.
Mrs. A. J. Catchpole.
Major D. C. Cayley.
Lady Marjorie Erskine.
Mr. L. F. Fulcher.
Rev. E. Hopkins-Jones.
Mr. F. G. Lebbon.
Mrs. R. Marriage.
Mr. A. Reeve.
Mr. G. W. Reeve.
Mr. R. T. Robins.
Mrs. G. Shrewsbury.
Mr. J. D. Thomson.
Mr. N. R. Whitwell.

ALDERMAN H. J. BROWN, J.P.,
CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL.

SECTION A.
STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

1. GENERAL STATISTICS. Area .. .. .. 106,500 acres.

	1953.	(1952)	(1951)
Registrar General's estimate of the resident population	18,780	(19,070)	(18,140)
Number of inhabited houses at end of year according to Rate Book	5,355	(5,204)	(5,147)
Rateable Value	£69,094	(£67,766)	(£67,910)
Sum represented by a Penny Rate	£283.6.5d.	(£278)	(£274)

2. EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR.

	Total.			Male.			Female.		
Live Births.	1953	(1952)	(1951)	1953	(1952)	(1951)	1953	(1952)	(1951)
Legitimate	353	(260)	(262)	173	(141)	(163)	180	(126)	(121)
Illegitimate	13	(6)	(11)	8	(2)	(7)	5	(4)	(4)
Stillbirths.									
Legitimate	10	(8)	(5)	5	(1)	(3)	5	(7)	(2)
Illegitimate	Nil	(Nil)	(Nil)	Nil	(Nil)	(Nil)	Nil	(Nil)	(Nil)
Deaths.	194	(192)	(230)	115	(96)	(127)	79	(96)	(103)
Deaths under one year.	9	(8)	(9)	7	(5)	(5)	2	(3)	(4)

	Thingoe.			England & Wales.		
	1953.	(1952)	(1951)	1953.	(1952)	(1951)
Birth Rate. (Live Births per 1000 population).	19.5	(13.9)	(15.5)	15.5	(15.3)	(15.5)
Comparability Factor, Births	1.27	(1.27)	(1.15)			
Corrected Birth Rate.	24.8	(17.7)	(17.3)			
Stillbirth Rate per 1000 population.	0.53	(0.42)	(0.28)	0.35	(0.35)	(0.36)
Stillbirth Rate per 1000 total (live and still) births.	26.6	(29.2)	(18.0)		(22.6)	
Death Rate per 1000 resident population.	10.3	(10.1)	(12.5)	11.4	(11.3)	(12.5)
Comparability Factor, Deaths	0.97	(0.97)	(0.89)			
Corrected Death Rate.	10.0	(9.8)	(11.3)			
Death Rate of Infants under 1 year. All infants per 1000 live births.	24.6	(30.1)	(33.0)	26.8	(27.6)	(29.6)
Legitimate Infants per 1000 Legitimate births.	25.5	(30.8)	(30.5)			
Illegitimate Infants per 1000 Illegitimate births.	Nil	(Nil)	(90.9)			

The nine deaths under one year of age were all of legitimate children - of these 4 males and 2 females died under 4 weeks of age:-

Female,	13 hours.	Congenital Malformation of Heart.
Male,	18 "	Retro-peritoneal haemorrhage. Prematurity.
"	1 day.	Prematurity. Atelectasis.
"	1 day.	Atelectasis. Patent foramen ovale ductus arterioses.
"	1 day.	Subarachnoid & cerebellar haemorrhage - difficult forceps delivery.
Female,	1 day.	Adrenal haemorrhage. Prematurity.
Male,	4 months.	Cardiac failure due to Congenital heart lesion.
"	5 "	Hydrocephalus, meningitis, staphylococcal septicaemia.
"	6 "	Bronchitis, Congenital heart disease and Gastro-enteritis.

The only other deaths in the nonage were of 2 boys and 2 girls as follows:-

Male, 15 months.	Broncho-pneumonia.
Male, 3 years.	Tuberculous meningitis.
Female, 5 years.	Paralytic Polioencephalitis.
Female, 8 years.	Fall from a bicycle causing middle meningeal haemorrhage.

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The following table gives the causes and the number of deaths occurring at the various age groups. The totals correspond with the Registrar General's figures.

As in last year's report the deaths have been classified to conform with implementation of the World Health Organisation Nomenclemature Regulations, 1948 - these Regulations being set out on pages 371 - 376 of the International Statistical Classification of Diseases, Injuries & Causes of Death, 1948.

	Deaths at the Sub-joined ages of "RESIDENTS" whether occurring in or beyond the District.																			
	Under 1 year.		1 to 4 years.		5 to 14 years.		15 to 24 years.		25 to 44 years.		45 to 64 years.		65 to 74 years.		75 years & over.		TOTAL Registrar General's figures.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
1. Tuberculosis, respiratory.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	-
2. Tuberculosis, Other.	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
3. Syphilitic disease.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-
7. Acute Poliomyelitis.	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
9. Other infective & parasitic diseases.	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	3	1
10. Malignant neoplasm, Stomach.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	3	1	-	-	4	1
11. Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	4	2	-	1	-	-	5	3
12. Malignant neoplasm, breast.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	2
13. Malignant neoplasm, uterus.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
14. Other malignant & lymphatic neoplasms.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	5	1	5	3	12	5
16. Diabetes.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	2
17. Vascular lesions of nervous system.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	5	1	7	7	13	9
18. Coronary disease, angina.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	6	3	7	2	15	6
19. Hypertension with Heart Disease.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	1	1	-	2	2
20. Other Heart Disease.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	10	15	13	15
21. Other circulatory disease.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	4	3	7	3
22. Influenza.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	1	-	3	-
23. Pneumonia.	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	2	3	2	7	4
24. Bronchitis.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	1	-	3
25. Other diseases of respiratory system.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
26. Ulcer of stomach & duodenum.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	2	1	3	1	6	3
27. Gastritis, Enteritis & Diarrhoea.	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
28. Nephritis & Nephrosis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	2
29. Hyperplasia of prostate.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	2	-
31. Congenital malformations.	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1
32. Other defined & ill-defined diseases.	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	2	4	2	1	2	11	7
33. Motor vehicle accidents	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	1	-	1	1	1	-	-	3	3
34. All other accidents.	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	2	1	4
35. Suicide.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-
Total: Males	7	-	2	-	-	-	1	-	5	-	15	-	39	-	46	-	115	-
Total: Females	-	2	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	3	-	11	-	19	-	42	-	79

	Rateable Value.	Penny Rate Product.	No. of inhabited houses.	Registrar General's Estimate Population.	Total Deaths.	Deaths under one year.		Births.		Stillbirths.	
						Legit-imate.	Illegit-imate.	Legit-imate.	Illegit-imate.	Legit-imate.	Illegit-imate.
1936.	£34,082	£136	4,020	15,240	184	5	Nil	190	12	8	Nil
1937.	£37,521	£170	4,074	15,560	184	2	2	214	8	7	2
1938.	£42,877	£167	4,463	15,470	192	3	1	188	10	8	1
1939.	£43,798	£194	4,683	15,370	206	5	Nil	248	11	8	Nil
1940.	£53,231	£230	4,974	16,310	249	14	Nil	246	9	8	Nil
1941.	£49,943	£223	4,954	17,250	230	12	1	283	27	4	4
1942.	£51,034	£220	4,814	17,220	210	14	1	269	17	9	Nil
1943.	£52,971	£225	4,820	17,420	223	9	1	271	35	6	Nil
1944.	£51,637	£229	4,806	16,960	234	18	2	295	40	8	3
1945.	£53,244	£224	4,870	15,930	185	5	3	245	48	5	1
TOTALS FOR DECADE. 1936 to 1945.	-	-	-	-	2,097	87	11	2,449	217	71	11
ANNUAL AVERAGE DURING DECADE.	£47,034	£202	4,648	16,273	210	9	1	245	22	7	1
1946.	£57,403	£238	4,969	16,120	173	6	1	291	28	6	1
1947.	£57,994	£255	5,050	16,320	234	11	1	321	23	8	2
1948.	£61,122	£265	5,070	16,630	200	13	1	316	12	4	4
1949.	£63,692	£270	5,050	16,590	200	8	1	265	10	7	Nil
1950.	£64,895	£262	5,150	17,260	193	6	Nil	295	14	8	Nil
1951.	£67,910	£274	5,147	18,140	230	8	1	262	11	5	Nil
1952.	£67,766	£278	5,204	19,070	190	8	Nil	260	6	8	Nil
1953.	£69,094	£283	5,335	18,780	194	9	Nil	353	13	10	Nil

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SECTION B.
GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA.

(a) LABORATORY FACILITIES. The Emergency Public Health Laboratory, Tennis Court Road, Cambridge, under the directorship of Dr. R. M. Fry, provides an excellent bacteriological service and most readily discusses and advises on any epidemiological or similar problem.

Dr. S. Greenburgh, Public Analyst, Tenison Road, Cambridge, gives a similar, efficient, helpful service when chemical analyses are required.

(b) AMBULANCE FACILITIES. The agency with the Suffolk Branch of the Red Cross Society terminated at the request of the Society in July 1953. The services subsequently have been provided directly by the County Council under the direction of Dr. D. A. McCracken, the County Medical Officer of Health.

(c) NURSING IN THE HOME. The West Suffolk County Council District Nurse-Midwives carry out these duties.

(d) CLINICS AND TREATMENT CENTRES. These are not the responsibility of the Rural District Council.

(e) HOSPITALS. The use of hospitals by Thingoe residents is indicated by the following information with regard to live births and deaths.

Of the 366 total live births to Thingoe residents, 152 (42%) occurred at their own home. The remaining 214 births took place outside of Thingoe, of which the great majority occurred at the hospitals in Bury St. Edmunds and Newmarket.

92 (47%) of the 194 deaths of Thingoe Residents in 1953 occurred at Hospitals as under:-

55 West Suffolk Hospital, Bury St. Edmunds.
26 St. Mary's Hospital, Bury St. Edmunds.
6 Walnuttree Hospital, Sudbury.
2 Addenbrookes Hospital, Cambridge.
1 Wimpole Park Hospital, Arrington, Cambridgeshire.
1 St. Helens Hospital, Ipswich.
1 City Hospital, Derby.

SECTION C.
SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

1. (i) WATER. As anticipated in last year's Annual Report, 1953 saw the completion of the whole of Stage I development of the Council's Comprehensive Water Scheme, i.e. reservoirs, trunk mains and pumping stations.

Contracts for distribution mains laying in Stage 2 were made and a considerable proportion completed by December as is shown in the map provided.

Of the small pumping stations (of the localised schemes in operation before the Comprehensive Scheme was commenced), there were left in use at the end of 1953, Risby, Nowton, Bardwell, Ingham, Whepstead, Euston and Knettishall and water was still being procured for the parish of Rede from a private supply owned by Mr. Cawston.

It was indicated in the previous report that attempts were being made to clear the water supply to Horringer of the iron content which was detracting from its appearance - this was accomplished during the year and a clear water is now available in the parish.

Water Carting. Only in a very small number of isolated cases was it necessary during 1953 to cart water because of lack of water or impure water - carting, however, was undertaken in cases where prior to the mains being completed houses have been completed and occupied, sited along the proposed route of mains included in the Comprehensive Scheme.

Bacteriological Samples. All 45 water samples taken from the Council's mains after they have been put into use have been satisfactory. 16 doubtful samples were obtained from the mains before their initial flushing after laying. 16 samples from private supplies included 7 unsatisfactory results. There is no evidence of any plumbo-solvency in the supplies.

Bacteriological & Chemical Analyses Results.

COMPREHENSIVE SCHEME.

Site.	Bact.		Chemical (parts per 100,000)				
		pH	Cl_2	O_2	Nitrate.	Nitrite.	Hardness.
Ixworth.	Satis.	7.5	5.35	0.0362	-	-	29.6
Risby.	Satis.	7.1	2.2	0.0346	0.1	-	25.6
Rushbrooke.	Satis.	7.1	2.25	0.0363	0.1	-	26.8
Rushbrooke.	Satis.	7.1	2.2	0.033	0.1	-	27.4

OTHER COUNCIL SUPPLIES.

Site.	Bact.		Chemical (parts per 100,000)				
		pH	Cl_2	O_2	Nitrate.	Nitrite.	Hardness.
Bardwell.	Satis.	7.9	3.45	0.0321	0.75	-	21.2
Euston.	Satis.	7.2	2.7	0.0232	0.5	-	27.6
Hopton.	Satis.	7.1	5.0	0.0945	-	-	34.2
Ingham.	Satis.	7.2	4.2	0.0296	0.05	-	30.6
Rede.	Satis.	7.1	5.3	0.0526	-	-	27.2
Troston.	Satis.	7.5	2.05	0.0207	0.8	-	20.2
Whepstead.	Satis.	7.3	3.2	0.0508	-	-	24.2

In 1951 Trunk Mains totalling 36.1674 and Distribution Mains totalling 15.10 were completed.
In 1952 Trunk Mains totalling 4.069 and Distribution Mains totalling 6.683 were completed.
During 1953 the following 20.12 miles of mains were laid.

3"	Bardwell	0.11 Miles	7"	Stanton	1.14 miles
3"	"	0.21 "	7"	"	0.80 "
9"	"	0.80 "	6"	"	0.25
3"	"	0.13 "	4"	"	0.05
4"	Coney Weston	2.50 "	3"	"	0.17
9"	Elmswell	0.30 "	7"	"	0.20
4"	Euston-Fakenham	1.50 "	4"	"	0.10
4"	Hepworth	1.15 "	4"	"	.20
3"	"	0.13 "	6"	Walsham	0.75
9"	Ixworth-Thorpe	1.80 "	4"	"	0.14
7"	Pakenham-Barton	1.02 "	4"	Wattisfield-Walsham	2.27
4"	Rattlesden	0.60 "	6"	Wattisfield	0.41
4"	"	0.50 "	4"	Wesley	0.03
6"	"	1.70 "	3"	"	0.13
4"	Thurston Road	0.23 "	4"	"	0.80

It will be noted that the mains referred to above are partly in Thingoe and partly in Thedwastre - they represent the total laid in the Comprehensive Scheme which is a joint venture of the two Authorities.

PARISH.	HOUSES IN PARISH. TOTAL	HOUSES ON PIPED SUPPLY.	%	WITHIN 200 FEET OF STAND PIPES.	%	COUNCIL HOUSES IN PARISH Total	Pre-War & Emergency War.	Post-War.	Built 1953.
Ampton.	32	- -	Nil	-	Nil	-	-	-	-
Bardwell.	223	81 (36)	36	-	Nil	55	19	36	14
Barrow.	264	119 (4)	45	26	10	58	16	42	-
Barton, Great.	274	73 (31)	27	4	1	35	18	17	-
Barnham.	109	70	64	-	Nil	10	2	8	-
Barningham.	159	40	25	-	Nil	63	23	40	-
Bradfield Combust	39	21 (1)	54	15	39	-	-	-	-
" St.Clare.	52	13 (6)	25	-	Nil	14	6	8	4
" St.George	107	66 (4)	62	-	Nil	24	12	12	-
Brockley.	64	30 (29)	47	-	Nil	11	9	2	-
Chedburgh.	70	55 (7)	79	-	Nil	12	6	6	6
Chevington.	137	67 (18)	49	-	Nil	21	3	18	18
Coney Weston.	50	-	Nil	-	Nil	7	7	-	-
Culford.	92	17	18	-	Nil	-	-	-	-
Denham.	57	20 (10)	35	7	12	8	-	8	-
Euston.	70	32 (23)	46	-	Nil	3	-	3	-
Fornham Magna.	47	-	Nil	-	Nil	-	-	-	-
Flempton.	41	-	Nil	-	Nil	2	2	-	-
Fornham All Saints	96	26 (26)	27	-	Nil	18	6	12	-
" St.Martin	98	69 (13)	70	-	Nil	15	7	8	-
" St.Geneveve	18	1	6	-	Nil	-	-	-	-
Hardwick.	3	-	Nil	-	Nil	-	-	-	-
Hargrave.	89	61 (1)	69	-	Nil	25	5	20	-
Hawstead.	88	-	Nil	-	Nil	17	11	6	-
Hengrave.	55	14	25	-	Nil	-	-	-	-
Hepworth.	123	21 (21)	17	-	Nil	23	15	8	-
Honington.	95	8	8	-	Nil	20	12	8	-
Hopton.	138	105	76	1	Nil	22	16	6	-
Horringer.	152	72 (4)	47	-	Nil	2	2	-	-
Ickworth.	16	-	Nil	-	Nil	-	-	-	-
Ingham.	94	35 (1)	37	25	27	13	7	6	-
Ixworth.	306	181 (31)	59	73	24	105	56	49	22
Knettishall.	22	9	41	-	Nil	-	-	-	-
Lackford.	48	-	Nil	-	Nil	-	-	-	-
Livermere, Great.	59	-	Nil	-	Nil	-	-	-	-
" Little.	34	-	Nil	-	Nil	-	-	-	-
Market Weston.	62	5	8	-	Nil	8	8	-	-
Nowton.	59	6	10	-	Nil	6	-	6	-
Pakenham.	250	95 (38)	38	-	Nil	58	14	44	20
Rede.	49	16	33	-	Nil	19	3	16	-
Risby.	146	54 (5)	37	-	Nil	51	28	23	-
Rougham.	242	134 (1)	55	-	Nil	28	10	18	-
Rushbrooke.	35	1	3	-	Nil	-	-	-	-
Sapiston.	47	-	Nil	-	Nil	-	-	-	-
Saxham, Great.	56	27 (9)	48	7	12	15	9	6	6
" Little.	36	10 (2)	28	-	Nil	-	-	-	-
Stanningfield.	70	54 (3)	77	8	11	24	4	20 *	-
Stanton.	254	36 (12)	14	10	4	24	13	11	3
Stow, West.	51	-	Nil	-	Nil	-	-	-	-
Thelnetham.	81	4	5	-	Nil	12	12	-	-
Thorpe, Ixworth.	27	-	Nil	-	Nil	-	-	-	-
Timworth.	32	-	Nil	-	Nil	-	-	-	-
Troston.	72	61	85	-	Nil	13	5	8	-
Westley.	24	-	Nil	-	Nil	-	-	-	-
Whelnetham, Gt.	143	75 (3)	52	27	19	65	29	36	-
" Lt.	44	18 (6)	41	5	11	-	-	-	-
Whepstead.	123	7 (1)	6	10	8	9	9	-	-
Wordwell.	11	2	18	-	Nil	2	-	2	-
	5,335	1,911 (336)	36%	218	4%	917	404	513	93

The figures in brackets in the second column are of houses supplied for the first time during 1953.

Total number of supplies by separate meter: 97.

* Includes 8 converted cottages.

MONTHLY AMOUNTS OF WATER PUMPED DURING 1953 FROM COUNCIL'S SUPPLIES IN THOUSAND OF GALLONS.

(The figures in brackets give corresponding amounts for 1952)

Pumping Station.	Jan.	Feb.	March.	April.	May.	June.	July.	August.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total.
Bardwell.	28 (23)	23 (21)	35 (28)	38 (19)	69 (28)	40 (25)	40 (26)	58 (29)	52 (30)	57 (28)	66 (27)	72 (26)	578 (310)
Barrow.	174 (296)	- (274)	- (332)	- (313)	- (392)	- (368)	- (411)	- (398)	- (410)	- (381)	- (357)	- (395)	174 (4328)
Euston.	137 (85)	99 (80)	127 (101)	91 (82)	111 (94)	120 (88)	130 (106)	110 (84)	104 (185)	99 (94)	98 (161)	124 (123)	1350 (1284)
Fornham St. Martin.	175 (74)	- (63)	- (77)	- (84)	- (95)	- (81)	- (89)	- (91)	- (114)	- (132)	- (201)	- (286)	175 (1386)
Ingham.	68 (75)	63 (76)	82 (85)	74 (77)	76 (85)	70 (93)	77 (123)	71 (88)	104 (106)	96 (97)	75 (91)	67 (85)	923 (1080)
Ixworth(New)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1743	986	1208	826	436	6199
Knettishall.	145 (325)	145 (247)	278 (266)	229 (267)	292 (477)	655 (451)	840 (1179)	462 (1673)	974 (240)	475 (195)	438 (166)	236 (293)	5169 (5785)
Newton.	7 (7)	7 (7)	8 (8)	8 (8)	8 (8)	7 (7)	8 (8)	8 (8)	8 (8)	7 (7)	7 (7)	7 (7)	91 (91)
Risby(C.H.)	43 (34)	40 (28)	47 (40)	45 (35)	46 (31)	41 (36)	44 (38)	43 (33)	48 (36)	47 (34)	42 (35)	45 (39)	530 (419)
⁎Risby(Main)	3583	3583	3583	3583	3583	3583	3583	3731	3352	3473	3707	5189	44534
+Rushbrooke	4325 (2905)	2275 (3071)	2651 (3600)	2651 (3707)	2651 (4727)	2651 (5235)	2651 (5804)	3910 (4220)	2789 (4373)	3108 (4620)	3172 (6740)	3147 (5694)	35983 (54697)
Whepstead.	6 (-)	5 (-)	6 (-)	6 (-)	5 (-)	6 (3)	7 (6)	7 (5)	6 (4)	6 (6)	5 (4)	8 (5)	72 (34)
	8692 (4406)	6240 (4303)	6817 (4836)	6725 (4820)	6842 (6208)	7172 (6678)	7380 (8023)	10142 (68878)	8421 (5747)	8576 (5857)	8438 (8022)	10331 (69670)	95778 (72756)

⁎ Order test conditions by consultants until July 31st.
\+ " " " " " from March 1st to July 31st.

WATER SUPPLIES PURCHASED IN BULK BY THINGOE R.D.C.

Supplying Authority.	1st Half Year.	2nd Half Year.	Total.
A.M.W.D. Honington.	616,000	716,000	1,332,000
A.M.W.D. Stanton.	334,000	821,000	1,155,000
Borough of Bury St. Edmunds - (Barton Hill)	1,121,000	2,817,000	3,938,000
Mr. Cawston, Rede.	147,000	138,000	285,000
West Suffolk C.C. - Gt. Barton.	437,000	-	437,000
" " " - Market Weston	4,000	5,000	9,000
Land Settlement Association - Dalham.	38,000	6,000	44,000
	2,697,000	4,503,000	7,200,000
	Average per diem:		19,753

WATER USED IN THE DISTRICT.

Total Pumped	95,778,000 gals.
Purchased in bulk	7,200,000
	102,978,000
Supplied in bulk	37,698,000
Used in District	65,280,000
Therefore Daily Average	189,000

WATER SUPPLIED IN BULK TO NEIGHBOURING AUTHORITIES.

Months.	Thedwastre.	Melford.	Cosford.	Clare.	Total.
January.	597,000	1,705,000	52,000	-	2,354,000
February.	461,000	1,261,000	109,000	-	1,831,000
March.	488,000	1,421,000	431,000	-	2,340,000
April.	466,000	982,000	415,000	-	1,863,000
May.	1,002,000	1,523,000	1,131,000	-	3,656,000
June.	565,000	1,037,000	674,000	-	2,276,000
July.	197,000	1,651,000	1,081,000	-	2,929,000
August.	292,000	1,786,000	1,329,000	-	3,407,000
September.	565,000	1,484,000	1,100,000	251,000	3,400,000
October.	774,000	1,906,000	1,128,000	199,000	4,007,000
November.	451,000	1,546,000	1,906,000	14,000	3,917,000
December.	822,000	2,227,000	2,186,000	483,000	5,718,000
	6,680,000	18,529,000	11,542,000	947,000	37,698,000
Average per diem:	18,328	50,764	31,622	2,594	103,282

(ii) DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE. On the following page is a table showing the number of houses, Private and Council, which have modern drainage and are connected to sewage disposal plants. As the Council is endeavouring to dispense with the hutments as soon as possible the figures this year vary in that hutments with modern sewerage have been omitted and the figures now relate only to permanent houses.

The increase in Council houses with sewage provisions has added to the work of maintenance so that Mr. Casson has met this by reorganizing his staff so that the two men formerly employed on this work now share their work with the two men previously employed on cesspool emptying and one additional employee. This team of five carry out many additional duties including grass cutting at Council house and water works sites and hedging and ditching as necessary.

In previous reports reference has been made to the small response by owners to the opportunity to connect houses to sewerage systems provided - in many cases the owners believe that the condition of the property does not warrant the expense of making the necessary conversion. In cases, however, where the property is fit to be improved and modernised it is well that owners should know that these conversions can be included, if the

Council so desires, as part of improvements which under the 1949 Act allows half the cost to be given as a grant to the owners and the other half of the cost can be loaned on reasonable terms for a definite period.

PARISH.	Number of Properties on Sewers.				Totals.	
	Private		Council Houses			
	New 1953.	Total.	New 1953.	Total.	New 1953.	Grand Total.
Bardwell.	-	-	-	4	-	4
Barnham.	-	-	-	8	-	8
Barningham.	1	1	-	40	1	41
Barrow.	3	25	9	57	12	82
Barton, Great.	-	1	-	17	-	18
Bradfield St. Clare	-	-	4	8	4	8
Bradfield St. Geo.	-	-	-	12	-	12
Brockley.	-	-	-	2	-	2
Chedburgh.	-	6	-	6	-	12
Chevington.	-	-	18	18	18	18
Denham.	-	-	-	8	-	8
Euston.	-	-	-	3	-	3
Fornham All Saints	2	54	-	12	2	66
Fornham St. Martin.	-	-	-	8	-	8
Hargrave.	-	-	-	20	-	20
Hawstead.	2	2	-	6	2	8
Hepworth.	-	-	2	8	-	8
Honington.	-	-	-	8	2	8
Hopton.	1	1	-	6	1	7
Ingham.	-	1	-	6	-	7
Ixworth.	8	57	54	95	52	152
Newton.	-	-	-	6	-	6
Pakenham.	-	-	20	44	20	44
Rede.	-	-	-	16	-	16
Risby.	-	-	-	23	-	23
Rougham.	-	-	-	18	-	18
Saxham, Gt.	-	-	6	6	6	6
Stanningfield.	-	3	-	12	-	15
Stanton.	-	-	3	11	3	11
Troston.	-	-	-	8	-	8
Whelnetham.	-	2	2	48	-	50
Wordwell.	-	-	-	2	-	2
	17	153	118	546	135	699

699 houses is 13% of the total houses in the District.

Effluent samples have been taken twice a year and the following results are a fair example of those obtained during 1953:-

	Suspended Solids parts per 100,000	Suspended Oxygen 5 days (B.O.D.)
Barrow.	1.35	2.15
Chedburgh.	0.10	0.97
Ixworth.	0.05	0.75
Knettishall.	4.70	4.35
Pakenham.	1.25	1.95
Rougham.	4.85	4.70
Stanningfield.	4.35	4.45
Stanningfield.	2.70	2.06
Whelnetham.	0.75	1.60

CESSPOOL EMPTYING.

CESSPOOLS EMPTIED.

	1949.	1950.	1951.	1952.	1953.
Council housing sites	25	25	107	123	118
Private within the area	103	151	322	196	253
Private outside the area	56	111	191	57	15
	184	287	620	376	386

CESSPOOL EMPTYING. (c) This continues to be carried out by trailer vehicle, the power unit being a Karrier Bantam.

2. RIVERS AND STREAMS. There was no evidence of any further undue pollution of the River Ouse, the River Lark or its Pakenham-Ixworth tributary. Our neighbours, the Borough of Bury St. Edmunds, are still pursueing the means of obtaining new sewage works which are to be sited in our District.

3. (i) CLOSET ACCOMMODATION. Most working class houses in the District have pail closets, the emptying of which is the responsibility of the tenant. The number of vault closets in the District is exceedingly small.

(ii) PUBLIC CLEANSING. The refuse collection service is provided as a weekly collection at Ixworth, Barrow, Great Barton, Hopton, Stanton and Pakenham and fortnightly in all other parishes. The amount of refuse collected and the mileage travelled is indicated in the following table which shows that a measure of stability has been reached.

Year.	Mileage.	Volume Cu.Yds.
1946.	4,845	1,365
1947.	7,420	2,711
1948.	9,495	3,293
1949.	17,696	4,900
1950.	18,434	5,300
1951.	17,574	5,327
1952.	19,432	5,719
1953.	19,821	5,831

The removal of refuse is a very valuable Public Health Service, but is not the most attractive of occupations. It, therefore, appears desirable that all reasonable steps should be taken to ensure that those who do this onerous duty, for the health benefit of the community, should be spared the heavy, awkward and dangerous lifting which results from the provision of improper receptacles. Section 75 of the Public Health Act, 1936, gives local authorities the power to provide satisfactory dustbins to each house and to make a special annual charge which may be recovered as part of the general rate. The Council is advised to give consideration to adopting this provision.

The condition of the refuse tips has been considered throughout the year and steps taken to prevent rodent and insect infestation. The Council have agreed to purchase a tractor with ancilliary equipment which inter alia will assist in the work of covering refuse at tips.

SALVAGE.

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Year.	£. s. d.	Paper. Cwts.	Bottles. Doz.	Rage. Cwts.	Scrap. Cwts.
1946.	23. 2. 6.	48.0	31.0	-	15.9
1947.	88. 12. 4.	164.5	283.5	1.75	125.0
1948.	204. 17. 1.	724.0	360.0	2.50	218.0
1949.	98. 2. 10.	308.25	50.0	9.2	220.0
1950.	93. 12. 11.	250.0	-	14.0	65.0
1951.	496. 17. 10.	768.25	-	13.50	141.50
1952.	212. 19. 6.	418.0	-	7.0	26.5
1953.	75. 6. 5.	341.0	-	10.75	132.5

It will be noted that whereas the weight of paper collected for salvage has been reduced by 18%, there is no less than a 65% reduction in the value of the salvage.

(iii) SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA. The following table shows the number of inspections and visits of the Sanitary Inspectors. Mr. Casson has necessarily compiled much of this Annual Report - I do indeed thank him for his co-operation and assistance throughout the year.

	GENERAL.			
	Inspections.	Re-Visits.	Informal Notices. Served.	Informal Notices. Complied.
Council Houses for defects.	876	-	-	-
Houses for defects.	194	128	21	37
" for over-crowding.	2	-	-	-
Houses for vermin.	6	5	-	-
" " rats.	16	-	-	-
Caravans.	2	1	-	-
Ditches, etc.	17	5	2	2
Wells.	1	-	-	-
Schools.	5	1	-	-
Drainage, existing	56	5	-	-
Drainage, new (new drains tested 52)	130	162	-	-
Refuse Tips.	2	-	-	-
Bye-law development.	87	601	-	-
Misc. complaints.	4	7	-	-
	521	915	5	2

FOOD PREMISES.

Premises.	Inspections.	Informal Notices.	Complied with.
Food Shops.	38	-	-
Small manufacturers.	6	-	-
Public Houses.	9	-	-
Cafes.	5	-	-
Dairies.	4	-	-
Food Vans.	1	-	-
Ice-Cream premises.	13	-	-
Slaughterhouses.	3	-	-
Total:	79	-	-

Inspections.

Petroleum Acts	...	6
Explosives Acts	...	4
		10

Visits in connection with Council Services.

Sewers and Sewage disposal Works	274
Water and Waterworks	707
	981

Council Houses.

Miscellaneous visits by Sanitary Inspectors	..	30

Factory Act, 1937.
Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health.

Premises.	Number on Register.	Number of Inspections.	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted.
(i) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.	14	7	3	Nil
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	47	15	1	Nil
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority x (excluding out-workers' premises).	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	61	23	4	Nil

x i.e. Electrical Stations (Section 103 (1)), Institutions, (Section 104 and sites of Building Operations and Works of Engineering Construction (Sections 107 and 108).

Cases in which defects were found.

Particulars.	Number of cases in which defects were found.				No. of cases in which prosecutions were instituted.
	Found.	Remedied.	Reported To H.M. Inspector.	Reported By H.M. Inspector.	
Want of Cleanliness (S.1)	4	4	Nil	Nil	Nil

OUTWORK.

Nature of Work.	M/c. Line No.	No. of out-workers in August list required by Sect. 110(1) (c).	No. of cases of default in sending lists to Council.
Wearing apparel (Making etc.)	13	4	
Making boxes or other receptacles or parts thereof made wholly or partially of paper.	34	43	1

(iv) SHOPS AND OFFICES. The visits to food shops are recorded on the previous page.

(v) CAMPING SITES. The problems which arise in connection with camping sites in this area are confined to those which arise on Air Ministry property and are dealt with by other authorities.

(vi) SMOKE ABATEMENT. No smoke nuisance was either observed or reported.

(vii) SWIMMING BATHS. There are no swimming baths in the District, but a swimming bath is available at Bury St. Edmunds, which is surrounded by our Area, and at Newmarket and Stowmarket.

(viii) ERADICATION OF BED BUGS. No case of bed bug infestation was reported or discovered during the year.

(ix) COCKROACH INFESTATION. No cases were reported.

(x) RODENT CONTROL. Rodent control continued to be carried out by one operator equipped with a motor cycle and toolbox combination. The following table shows the treatments carried out during the year:-

		Type of Infestation.	
Private dwellings ..	114	Minor ..	96
Business premises ..	14	Major ..	53
Farms ..	4	Reservoir ..	Nil
Refuse Tips ..	17		
	149		149

(xi) THE RAG, FLOCK & OTHER FILLING MATERIALS ACT, 1951. No change.

SECTION D.
H O U S I N G.

1. (1) (a) Total number of dwellinghouses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	1,070
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	1,138
(2) (a) Number of dwellinghouses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations 1925.	19
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	19
(3) Number of dwellinghouses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation.	19
(4) Number of dwellinghouses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation.	970
2. Remedy of defects during the year without service of formal notice.	
Number of defective dwellinghouses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers.	914
3. Action under Statutory Powers during the year. Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936.	
(1) Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs.	Nil
(2) Number of dwellinghouses which were rendered fit after service of formal notice:-	
(a) By Owners	Nil
(b) By Local Authority in default of owners	Nil
Proceedings under Public Health Acts.	
(1) Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied.	Nil
(2) Number of dwellinghouses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices.	Nil
(a) By Owners.	Nil
(b) By Local Authority in default of owners	Nil
Proceedings under Section 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936.	
(1) Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which	
(a) Demolition Orders were made.	13
(b) Undertakings accepted not to re-let for human habitation.	6
(c) Undertakings cancelled upon completion of work.	3
(2) Number of dwellinghouses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders.	15
Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936.	
(1) Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which Closing Orders were made.	Nil
(2) Number of dwellinghouses closed in pursuance of Closing Orders.	Nil

4. Housing Act, 1936 - Part IV - Overcrowding.

(a)	(i)	Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year	3
	(ii)	Number of families dwelling therein	3
	(iii)	Number of persons dwelling therein	14
(b)		Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year	Nil
(c)	(i)	Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year	Nil
	(ii)	Number of persons concerned in such cases	Nil
(d)		Particulars of any cases in which dwellinghouses have again become overcrowded after the Local Authority having taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding	Nil

Housing - Working-class Houses. 1,070 working-class houses were inspected during 1953 and a further 15 houses were demolished.

As will be seen from the table on page 7, the Council now own 917 Council Houses, of which 505 have been built post-war. Also included in the total are 8 cottages purchased and converted by the Council. The post-war building in the District is indicated by the following table:-

	Total.	Council Houses.		Private Enterprise.	
1946.	13	6 Post-war	Total 6	7 Post-war	Total 7
1947.	84	74 "	" " 80	10 "	" " 17
1948.	116	104 "	" " 184	12 "	" " 29
1949.	50	36 "	" " 220	14 "	" " 43
1950.	72	66 "	" " 286	6 "	" " 49
1951.	40	36 "	" " 322	4 "	" " 53
1952.	109	90 "	" " 412	19 "	" " 72
1953.	136	93 "	" " 505	43 "	" " 115
	620	505 "	" " 505	115 "	" " 115

In the eight post-war years during which Council house building has been possible, the Council have provided 505 new dwellings, which is 101 more than the 404 provided under Emergency War measures and during all the pre-war years. This has not been the Council's only contribution to the housing needs of their District during these eight active years, for, in addition to the eight houses purchased at Stanningfield and converted to the needs of elderly persons, the Council made a very definite and large contribution to needs by the adaption and conversion of numerous hutments - 81 of which were still in occupation at the end of the year.

Unfortunately in many cases the structure of the hutments has deteriorated quicker than had been estimated in computing the grants towards their conversion and undoubtedly many who gladly entered hutments believing them to be a very transient accommodation, wearied after years of living in them, perhaps observing some, who originally had been classified of less urgent need than themselves, being moved into permanent new houses, whilst they themselves continued to remain in the rapidly deteriorating hutments.

This gave rise to much dissatisfaction and complaints which overlooked the Council's decision to dispense with hutments as soon as possible and to appreciate the magnitude of the efforts during these last eight years which have outstripped the total of all pre-war years. The Council may, however, be assured that there are many whose thanks and appreciation, to the Councillors who have provided them with new houses, are profound. These thanks are often expressed in terms which outweigh all criticism and difficulties encountered and should give sufficient satisfaction to recompense those who have laboured so assiduously on their behalf.

There is now the added satisfaction that the rate of dispensing with the hutments is being greatly increased.

Improvements to pre-war Council houses in the post-war years have included the following provision of water:-

Over Sink.

1949	Saxham	9
1950	Chevington	3
"	Hopton	16
"	Hargrave	5
1952	Bardwell	19
1953	Risby	3
		55

Standpipes at rear of houses - to be completed with indoor supplies as time and finance permits.

1950	Chedburgh	6
1951	Troston	4
"	Risby	20
1953	Brockley	9
"	Pakenham	8
"	Risby	6
"	Rougham	6
		59

SECTION E.
INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

(a) MILK SUPPLY. The Milk & Dairies Regulation, 1949, reallocated the duties with regard to production and supervision of milk supplies - the duties of our Authority are curtailed to the surveillance of milk in distribution from dairies other than producer retail dairies.

(b) MEAT AND OTHER FOODS. The 110 food premises in the Area may be classified as:-

Food Shops (General)	68
Small Manufacturers	14
Butchers	13
Cafes	1
Bakehouses	14
	110

Individual approach has been made during visits to these premises to ensure that there is appreciation of the need and method of personal and environmental hygiene by all food handlers.

The war-time arrangements for central slaughtering were in operation throughout 1953 so the meat supply for our District was still killed outside the District.

The following foodstuffs were voluntarily surrendered and destroyed:-

1 Pig
1 (abscessed) Forequarter Pork
1 (beetle contaminated) Loaf.

ICE-CREAM. At the end of 1953 the number of ice-cream dealers had increased from the 18 in 1952 to a total of 26. These dealers receive all their ice-cream as wrapped bricks or in covered cartons from large manufacturers - there are no manufacturers in our District.

BREWERS. Licensed premises in the area remained at the total of 58.

Water Supply.	Premises with mains water	29
	" without mains water	27
	" without mains water but with satisfactory supply of tap water (bore & full supply)	2

There are thus 25 premises where the water supply requires improvement, despite 6 having been connected during the year. However, all public houses adjacent to mains now have water laid on and as the mains are increasing rapidly so other public houses will be quickly supplied.

4 Public houses are connected to main sewage systems, 17 have satisfactory private disposal (water carriage) arrangements, but in 37 the private disposal arrangements are unsatisfactory.

(c) FOOD & DRUGS ACT, 1938, Section 15 - Bye-Laws. No change.
(d) ADULTERATION, etc.
(e) CHEMICAL, BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATION.
(f) NUTRITION. No change.
(g) SHELL-FISH (Mulluscan)
(h) WATER-CRESS.

SECTION F.
PREVALENCE OF & CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES.

The following table shows the number of Infectious Diseases among the civilian population during the year. These are the final numbers after corrections subsequently made either by the Notifying Medical Practitioner or by the Medical Superintendent of the Infectious Disease Hospital.

ALL NOTIFIABLE DISEASES (other than Tuberculosis) DURING 1953.

		Scarlet Fever.		Measles.		Whooping Cough.		Pneumonia.		Infective Hepatitis.		Poliomyelitis.		Dysentery.		Puerperal Pyrexia.
Grand Total: 167	M. F. 82 85 Totals:	M. 6	F. 5	M. 72	F. 70	M. 1	F. 2	M. 2	F. 2	M. -	F. 3	M. -	F. 2	M. 1	F. -	F. 1
Age 0	to under 1	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1	" " 3	-	-	10	8	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3	" " 5	-	3	18	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5	" " 10	5	2	30	36	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-
10	" " 15	1	-	6	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15	" " 25	-	-	4	4	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-
25	" " 45	-	-	1	6	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
45	" " 65	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
65	& over.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

T U B E R C U L O S I S.

New Cases and Mortality.

NEW CASES.

	1953.	1952.	1951	1950.
Pulmonary	6	7	9	17
Non-Pulmonary	2	4	5	3

Ages of Cases notified in 1953:-

Pulmonary, Males, 17, 49, 63 & 65 years.
" Females, 22 & 39 years.
Non-Pulmonary, Females, 8 & 10 years.

MORTALITY.

The Tuberculosis deaths furing 1953 were:-

Pulmonary, Males, 39 & 80 years.
Non-Pulmonary, Male, 3 years.

TUBERCULOSIS REGISTER.

	Pulmonary. Male.	Pulmonary. Female.	Non-Pulmonary. Male.	Non-Pulmonary. Female.	Total. Male.	Total. Female
1. Cases at commencement 1953.	31	30	8	12	39	42
2. Notified first in 1953.	4	2	-	2	4	4
3. Restored to Register.	-	-	-	-	-	-
4. Added by: Transfers	1	1	-	-	1	1
Death Returns						
5. Cases Removed from Register.	7	8	3	3	10	11
6. Remaining at end of 1953.	29	25	5	11	34	36

Cases remaining on Register at end of Year.

Year.	Total.	Pulmonary.		Non-Pulmonary.		Total.	
		Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.
1953	70	29	25	5	11	34	36
1952	81	31	30	8	12	39	42
1951	80	29	31	9	11	38	42
1950	72	29	26	8	9	37	35

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948, Section 47.

The Welfare Officers, who work under the direction of Dr. D. A. MacCracken, County Medical Officer of Health, West Suffolk, persuaded persons requiring proper care and attention to accept such, so that, although occasionally it was pointed out that compulsion could be obtained under this Section, it was not necessary, throughout the year, to exercise the provisions of this Section.

The helpfulness of these Officers is typical of the very real, useful and willing co-operation which Dr. MacCracken personally and through his Officials has constantly extended and for which I thank him.